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Emergency Policy on Pre-Master's Degree Experience

At its meeting on April 17, 2020, the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions voted to issue the following policy:

Licensed Mental Health Counselor Applicants: Because of the current declared state of emergency in Massachusetts, a licensed mental health counselor applicant who graduates from an acceptable master's degree program from March 10, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and has not finished the required pre-master's degree internship may complete that internship using additional hours earned during an acceptable practicum or post-graduate work experience. Applicants should refer to 262 CMR 2.00, et seq., for information on acceptable degree programs and work experiences.

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Applicants: Because of the current declared state of emergency in Massachusetts, a licensed marriage and family therapist applicant who graduates from an acceptable master's degree program from March 10, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and has not finished the required pre-master's degree "clinical internship or practicum" may complete that "clinical internship or practicum" using additional hours earned during an acceptable post-graduate work experience. Applicants should refer to 262 CMR 3.00, et seq., for information on acceptable degree programs and work experiences.

This policy does not modify the required amounts of specific types of hours for a practicum, internship, or post-master's degree work experience, and no hours may be counted for more than one such experience.

